

Purpose

The purpose of the Career Development Events is to provide incentives for students to further develop skills and abilities that are taught in secondary programs of agriculture. Competition at the state level is designed to assess the level of proficiency each student has achieved.

Objectives

- I. To motivate students to acquire additional knowledge
- II. To encourage students to develop skills and abilities in agriculture
- III. To encourage students to develop problem-solving and communication skills
- IV. To stimulate student interest in furthering their education

Guidelines for Adding Events

The following criteria apply to adding a new event in Missouri:

1. A curriculum is available before a new event is initiated.
2. Fifty percent of Missouri schools must be teaching a unit in the area to be considered.
3. A survey of interest of teachers will be conducted by the Contest Advisory Committee. At least 50 percent of the teachers surveyed must be interested in conducting a CDE and at least 50 percent of the schools must respond to the survey.
4. The joint staff, teachers, and universities shall agree to establishing an event.
5. An ad hoc committee will be appointed to develop the new CDE guidelines, rules, and procedures.
6. A pilot of the new CDE will be conducted for all six districts.
7. The proposed new CDE will be re-evaluated by the joint staff, teachers, and universities and a final decision made.

Guidelines for Dropping Events

The following procedure shall be followed in dropping a event in Missouri:

1. The joint staff in Agricultural Education shall recommend that a event be dropped.
2. The MVATA FFA Relations-Contest Advisory Committee shall recommend that an event be dropped.
3. The teachers shall approve the recommendation of the FFA Relations-Contest Advisory Committee.

Guidelines for Student Conduct

Instructors are responsible for the conduct of their students. Reasonable rules of conduct must be followed. Unacceptable conduct will be justification for disqualifying the school from competition or representation for the current year. Disciplinary action will be the responsibility of the proctors designated by the districts on the following rotational basis. The teacher representatives will be selected at the January district meeting.

Proctor Guidelines

1. Insure fairness of the event and that students follow guidelines of student conduct.
2. Report any/all concerns, problems, cheating, etc. to the event superintendent.
3. Career Development Event proctors should report to the event superintendent 30 minutes prior to the event.
4. Proctors are **not** there to administer, manage, or score the event (except for emergency situations).
5. Only teachers who are proctors should be present during an event -- all others will be asked to leave the event area until the event is finished (rule 18 Event Rules will be strictly enforced).

MVATA Proctor Assignment Schedule

CDE	Districts for ODD Years	Districts for EVEN Years
Agricultural Mechanics	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE
Agricultural Sales	NE--SC--SE	NW--C--SW
Agronomy	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE
Dairy Cattle	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE
Dairy Foods	NE--SC--SE	NW--C--SW
Entomology	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE
Farm Management	NE--SC--SE	NW--C--SW
Floriculture	NE--SC--SE	NW--C--SW
Forestry	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE
Horse	NE--SC--SE	NW--C--SW
Livestock	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE
Meats	NE--SC--SE	NW--C--SW
Nursery/Landscaping	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE
Poultry	NE--SC--SE	NW--C--SW
Soils	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE

Recognition

Individual and team contestants will be ranked according to their total score in each individual event. The rankings for both individuals and teams will be divided with approximately 25% Group I, 50% Group II, and 25% Group III of those classified. Teams with less than three individuals will not be ranked. Teams and members may be designated as unclassified at the discretion of the superintendent.

Gold medals will be awarded to individuals in each event who receive a Group I rating in the event. The fourth member or alternate of each team will be eligible for individual rankings. The Missouri FFA Association provides the medals.

Plaques will be awarded to the first, second, and third place teams in each event. The plaques will be presented at the State FFA Convention. Sponsors for the plaques will be announced at the time of presentation.

Event Rules

The Instructional Materials Laboratory (IML, 1400 Rock Quarry Rd. Q156, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211) has produced packets of the cards and forms used in the state events. Please call IML for pricing information and to check on availability. IML can be reached at (573) 882-2883 or 1-800-669-2465 (toll-free).

1. Only teams and team members (including first and last name) who have been certified by their respective districts may compete in the State Career Development Events. **Agricultural Mechanics teams will consist of only three members. All other teams, including FFA Knowledge, will consist of three or four students with the top three scores being used as the team score and the fourth team member (if applicable) considered as the alternate.**
2. NOTE: "Memorandum of Cooperation with 4-H" (included).
3. **A student may participate at the state level in a specific Career Development Event only once. The alternate team and/or team member who compete at state will be considered a participant. A student will not be allowed to compete more than one time at the state level in Prepared Public Speaking Division I, Prepared Public Speaking Division II, Prepared Public Speaking Advanced, or Extemporaneous Public Speaking.**
4. Complete team membership including **one alternate member per team** must be furnished to the State CDE Coordinator. Only team members certified by the district and received by the State CDE coordinator by **Wednesday, 5:00 p.m., one week prior to the State Event** are eligible to compete.

5. Only one alternate team may be submitted from each district in each event. If the alternate team is to be substituted for another team in the State Event, the State Director of Agricultural Education must be notified **before 5:00 p.m. on Monday** of the week of the State Event.
6. All State Event participants must be currently enrolled in agriculture at the secondary level (grades 9-12) and not more than 21 years of age.
7. Contestants are not allowed to enter any event area with reference materials or notes except where noted in the specific event rules. Clean paper and clipboards are allowed (see individual event rules regarding the use of tools, equipment, calculators, etc. in each event). **All cell phones and other electronic communication devices will not be allowed in the event area prior to or during the event. Individuals not adhering to this rule will be disqualified.**
8. Calculators may be used when the CDE specifies calculators may be used. (See specific CDE rules.) In all events, calculators must be **nonprogrammable** and **non-graphing** models and limited to the following function keys or their equivalent: Plus (+); Minus (-); Multiplication (x); Division (/); Equals (=); Memory Clear (MRC); Memory Minus (M-); Memory Plus(M+); Plus &/or Minus (+/-); Percentage (%); Square Root or Square Keys. Additional Function Keys may be accepted if approved in advance by the CDE Superintendent. The main criteria is that the calculator be **nonprogrammable** & **non-graphing** and that equations &/or text may not be stored within the calculators memory.
9. Only one team per school may enter each event.
10. The team score in any event shall be the sum of the different scores of the top three individual team members. A critique sheet on the performance of each team member (at the discretion of the CDE superintendent) may be provided to the school.
11. The number of teams eligible to participate at the state level from each district is based on the number of teams participating in district CDEs the previous year. Check on Allocation of Teams on the following pages (updated each year). The maximum number of teams, which can be certified from each district, is provided on the following pages (be sure the table is for the current event year).
12. **Tie scores among teams in all events should be broken using the high individual team member's score.** In case the scores are tied, the scores of the second high individual on each team should be used.

Tie breaking in FFA Creed, Prepared and Extemporaneous Speaking events will be completed as follows: 1) Add judges ranking – lowest ranking; 2) If lowest rank value is a tie go to greatest number of lowest ranks; 3) If greatest number of lowest ranks is a tie then rank of judges score on response to questions where applicable; 4) If the greatest number of lowest ranks on response to questions is a tie to use total raw score.

13. **A student cannot participate in state CDEs that are scheduled to compete at the same time. Please check the schedule carefully.**
14. A student may only compete in one of the following state events each year:
 - A. FFA Creed Speaking
 - B. Prepared Public Speaking (including Division I, Division II, and Advanced)
 - C. Extemporaneous Speaking
 - D. Parliamentary Procedure
15. **A member may not compete in any Friday A.M. agriculture events and Extemporaneous Public Speaking or all divisions of the Prepared Public Speaking.**
16. All State CDE results will not be declared final until one week following the closing of the State FFA Convention. Appeals of event results should be made to the Appeals Committee consisting of the Chair of the Department of Agricultural Education at the University of Missouri, DESE Director of Agricultural Education, MVATA FFA Relations-Contest Advisory Committee Chair, and the CDE Superintendent. The teacher filing an appeal will have the opportunity to address the Appeals Committee. After filing an appeal the teacher appealing must leave the room and will not be allowed to vote.
17. **Unofficial** event results will be posted at the Hearnes Building as soon as available.
18. Only event workers will be allowed in the event area prior to the event and only contestants, proctors, and workers will be allowed in the area during the event. Teachers will be permitted to view the event set up after the event is completed. **Teachers may be permitted to exit through the animal holding area prior to the state event after checking in their teams (i.e., Dairy Cattle, Livestock, and Horses).** Teachers will not be allowed to communicate with the judges until event grading has been completed. **No team may visit event sites prior to a event - doing so will eliminate the team from competition.** A signed formal complaint indicating the violation must be filed with the Director of Agricultural Education within one week of the event.
19. Rules governing the State FFA CDEs are described under the FFA Activities Section of this publication.

Allocation of Teams

The maximum number of teams allowed in each state event is listed in the following chart.

Agricultural Mechanics	60	Forestry	36
Agricultural Sales	24	Horses	48
Agronomy	60	Livestock Judging	60
Dairy Cattle Judging	60	Meats	48
Dairy Foods	45	Nursery/Landscape	30
Entomology	48	Poultry	48
Farm Management	48	Soils	48
Floriculture	46	FFA Knowledge	52

***FORMULA**

Total number of teams competing in all districts = state total

$$\frac{\text{Number of teams in district}}{\text{State Total}} = \text{district allocation \%}$$

Subtract the automatic berths from the number of teams allowed in the State CDE = the remaining berths to be allocated (e.g. Poultry 60 - 18 = 42 berths to be allocated).

District allocation % x remaining berths = additional district berths.

Number of automatic berths + additional district berths = number of available berths from district to state.

*(All based on previous year participation.)

NOTE: These guidelines are always subject to review by the MVATA FFA Relations-Contest Committee and are under the control of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Each district is entitled to the following number of automatic berths in the State CDE as follows: 40 - 60 teams at state = each district gets 3 automatic berths
31 - 39 teams at state = each district gets 2 automatic berths
20 - 30 teams at state = each district gets 1 automatic berths

The remainders of the berths are filled by determining each district's percentage of the total number of teams participating in the six district events in the prior year and applying that percentage to the remaining number of berths available for each event.

20. There will be 14 teams/participants in the State Parliamentary Procedure, Prepared Public Speaking (All Divisions), Creed Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking events. The automatic berths per district will equal the number of areas within the district. One state at-large participant will be selected based upon the district's percentage participation in the event the previous year. The district with the highest percentage participation, based upon the number of FFA chapters within the district, will be awarded the at-large berth. District participation equals the participation from each area within the district added together. (i.e. Area A has 12 participants + Area B has 13 participants = 25 district participants. If the district had 50 FFA chapters the district would have a 50% participating percentage.) In the case of a tie the previous year's participation would be used until the tie can be broken. **The number of area participants will be based upon the Area FFA CDE report submitted to the state office. The report must include both the name and chapter of each event participant to be counted in the district participation.**

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

Between the Agricultural Education Section of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the University of Missouri and Lincoln University Cooperative Extension Services

The primary objective of 4-H and FFA membership is to provide a variety of educational experiences for youth which should lead to the further development of knowledge and leadership abilities. The state, community and nation will ultimately profit if large numbers of youth avail themselves of these opportunities.

FFA through agriculture education and 4-H through Cooperative Extension were organized as complementary educational efforts. The two organizations also operate as complementary groups in Missouri. Each can make a definite contribution to the growth and development of youth. Agriculture instructors and extension personnel have superior competencies in certain fields because of academic training and personal preferences. Agents and instructors are encouraged to share these competencies when it will be mutually advantageous to each and to youth enrolled in the respective programs.

In order to maintain the harmony and wholesome attitude that now exist, and to foster a spirit of common purpose among those engaged in developing Missouri's youth, the staff and advisory committees of the agricultural section of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Missouri Cooperative Extension Service suggests that this MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION serve as a guideline for interaction between the members and leaders of these two organizations.

1. Extension personnel and agricultural instructors should counsel prospective students and members to assist them in reaching their highest potential in keeping with their future educational and vocational interests, needs, and abilities.
2. Agriculture instructors and extension personnel should each make a personal effort to be aware of all the educational opportunities afforded in 4-H and FFA. An exchange of information relative to educational programs is encouraged.
3. County extension personnel should encourage youth interested in agriculture to take advantage of agricultural education.
4. Agriculture instructors should encourage youth to enroll in 4-H club work.
5. If youth are dually enrolled, they may carry the same enterprise in 4-H and supervised agricultural experience programs.
6. If members win a state contest in one organization, they are eligible to compete in the comparable state contest of the other organization during the same calendar year as long as they are members of both organizations.
7. A member may not serve on the State FFA Executive Committee and the State 4-H Council Executive Committee at the same time.
8. A list of state contest winners and State Executive Committee members will be exchanged between state offices for the purpose of implementing items 6 and 7.
9. Members should be encouraged to continue their education beyond the secondary level – education is always an unfinished task.

(This document was adopted on March 15, 1966 and revised in 1969, 1980, 1987, 1995 and 2005.)

2006 Allocation Of Teams From Each District

(Revised 6/08/05)

Total number of teams allowed in each state event:

2006 CDE Teams To State							
	NW	NE	C	SC	SE	SW	Total
Agricultural Mechanics	10	10	11	8	7	14	60
Agricultural Sales	5	4	3	4	3	5	24
Agronomy	12	11	11	6	9	11	60
Dairy Cattle	10	10	11	9	6	14	60
Dairy Foods	8	8	8	6	6	9	45
Entomology	9	9	9	6	6	9	48
Farm Management	10	7	8	7	5	11	48
Floriculture	8	7	9	7	6	9	46
Forestry	6	7	7	7	3	6	36
Horses	8	9	8	7	5	11	48
Livestock	10	11	10	8	8	13	60
Meats	9	8	10	6	5	10	48
Nursery/Landscaping	5	4	6	5	4	6	30
Poultry	8	9	8	7	7	9	48
Soils	7	8	9	7	7	10	48
TOTAL	125	122	128	100	87	147	709
Parliamentary Procedure	2	3	2	2	2	3	14
Prepared Public Speaking							
Division I	3	2	2	2	2	3	14
Division II	2	3	2	2	2	3	14
Advanced	2	3	2	2	2	3	14
Creed Speaking	2	3	2	2	2	3	14
Extemporaneous Speaking	2	2	3	2	2	3	14
FFA Knowledge	8	9	10	7	7	11	52

The number of entries per district in the FFA Leadership CDEs is based upon the number of areas within the district, as passed at the 1986 MVATA Conference. (District winners in the FFA Leadership CDEs may or may not be from the same area.)

SCHEDULE OF AGRICULTURE EVENTS--2006

Thursday Afternoon, April 20th

11:30-5:00 p.m.	Entomology	Boone County Fair Grounds
11:30-5:00 p.m.	Horses	Boone County Fair Grounds
11:30-5:00 p.m.	Livestock	Trowbridge Livestock Center
11:30-5:00 p.m.	Nursery/Landscaping	Boone County Fair Grounds
12:00-5:00 p.m.	Poultry	Hearnes Field House
12:30-5:00 p.m.	Agronomy	Hearnes Field House
12:30-5:00 p.m.	Farm Management	Hearnes Field House
11:30-5:00 p.m.	Soils	Boone County Fair Grounds
12:30-5:00 p.m.	Dairy Foods	Hearnes Field House
11:30-5:00 p.m.	Floriculture	Boone County Fair Grounds

Friday Morning, April 21st

7:00-12:00 noon	Agricultural Mechanics	S147 A&B Animal Science Center
7:30-12:00 noon	Agricultural Sales	Mizzou Arena
7:30-12:00 noon	Forestry	Trowbridge Livestock Center (south side)
8:00-12:00 noon	Dairy Cattle	Trowbridge Livestock Center Arena
8:00-12:00 noon	Meats	Eckles Hall (Wm. Stringer Wing)

SCHEDULE OF FFA LEADERSHIP EVENTS--2006

Thursday, April 20th

a.m.	FFA Creed Speaking Preliminaries	(to be announced)
(following Preliminaries)	FFA Creed Speaking Finals	(to be announced)
6:00-7:00 p.m.	FFA Knowledge CDE	(to be announced)

Friday, April 21st

8:00 a.m. - noon	Prepared Public Speaking (Advanced) Preliminaries	(to be announced)
8:00 a.m. - noon	Prepared Public Speaking (Division I) Preliminaries	(to be announced)
8:00 a.m. - noon	Prepared Public Speaking (Division II) Preliminaries	(to be announced)
8:00 a.m. - noon	Extemporaneous Public Speaking Preliminaries	(to be announced)
9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Parliamentary Procedure Preliminaries and Finals	(to be announced)
1:00-4:00 p.m.	Prepared Public Speaking (Advanced) Finals	(to be announced)
1:00-4:00 p.m.	Prepared Public Speaking (Division I) Finals	(to be announced)
1:00-4:00 p.m.	Prepared Public Speaking (Division II) Finals	(to be announced)
1:00-4:00 p.m.	Extemporaneous Public Speaking Finals	(to be announced)

Note: Times and locations may change based upon room availability.

ALL TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD REPORT TO THEIR EVENT LOCATION 15-30 MINUTES BEFORE THE EVENT STARTS!

Extemporaneous Topics: (A) AgriScience and Technology, (B) AgriMarketing and International Agricultural Relations, (C) Food and Fiber systems, (D) and Urban Agriculture

2006 STATE CDE SUPERINTENDENTS

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